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Employees Health Benefits Program: New Standard Form 2809-A

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Independent Establishments:

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INQUIRIES: Regional office or Bureau of Retirement and Insurance
Dudley 6-3333 (Code 129, Extension 3333)

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3. INFORMATION TO BE NOTED BY EMPLOYING OFFICES ON SF 2809-A

Blank spaces are left in the form so that employing offices may insert the new employee's name and the earliest date that he can be covered for health benefits, as well as the date by which his completed Health Benefits Registration Form (SF 2809) must be in the employing office if coverage is to become effective by that date. (The effective date of coverage can be determined by reference to Section 89.4(a) and (b) of the Group Health Benefits Regulations.)

Agencies are urged to complete the blanks on Standard Form 2809-A for each new employee. This will assure an understanding by the employee of the time limits applicable to his situation. Each new employee should be encouraged to use the time before the date he must register to obtain the earliest possible coverage, to study the brochures in order to decide which is the best plan for him.

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In addition to Standard Form 2809 and 2809-A, each employee eligible to register for health benefits must be given the brochures of the Service Benefit Plan and of the Indemnity Benefit Plan, both of which are Government-wide and open to all employees. Employees in areas served by a comprehensive medical plan(s) must also be given the brochure for that plan(s). Any employee who is eligible to join an employee organization and who requests the brochure of that organization's plan, must be given that brochure. The employee organizations participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are listed in SF 2809-A.

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A six months' supply of forms and brochures should be requisitioned on the above dates by letter addressed to the Office Services Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C.

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Federal Employees Health Benefits Program

(Name of employee)

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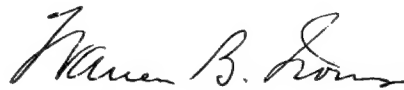
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